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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT ANTICIPATES INCREASE IN NORTH KOREAN  
PROVOCATIONS

1. BLUE HOUSE SPOKESMAN'S OFFICE DISCLOSED GIST OF PRESIDENT PARK'S REMARKS JANUARY 21 AT ANNUAL MEETING OF MILITARY AND SECURITY OFFICIALS AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS. IN APPEALING FOR MILITARY PREPAREDNESS AND NATIONAL SOLIDARITY, PRESIDENT REPORTEDLY WARNED THAT NORTH KOREA WAS LIKELY TO INCREASE PROVOCATIONS AGAINST THE SOUTH IN COMING YEAR TO A LEVEL APPROACHING 1968 PEAK. THAT WAS YEAR OF BLUE HOUSE RAID, PUEBLO INCIDENT, AND COMMANDO LANDING ON EAST COAST. PRESIDENT BASED HIS PREDICTION ON "VARIOUS SIGNS" AND ON TREND OF EVENTS IN NORTH KOREA AND INTERNATIONALLY. HE DREW LESSONS FROM THE PAST THAT LAXNESS COULD LEAD TO DISASTER.

2. ANNUAL MEETING IS DESIGNED TO FOCUS PUBLIC ATTENTION ON DEFENSE AND INTERNAL SECURITY. THIS YEAR IT WAS HELD JAN 21, WHICH IS ANNIVERSARY OF BLUE HOUSE RAID.

3. COMMENT: WHILE TALK ABOUT THREAT FROM THE NORTH IS NATURAL FOR SUCH OCCASIONS, PRESIDENT'S ASSESSMENT OF CURRENT STATE OF  
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SOUTH-NORTH RELATIONS WAS CLEARLY PESSIMISTIC. PESSIMISTIC NOTE

UNDOUBTEDLY IN GOOD PART RELATES TO DOMESTIC CONSIDERATION, BUT  
ALSO PROBABLY REFLECTS CONCERN OVER NORTHWEST ISLAND SITUATION  
AND UNCERTAIN PROSPECTS OF RESUMPTION OF SOUTH-NORTH DIALOGUE.  
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